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# CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF CHERT-GRAVELS FOR USE IN BASE-COURSE CONSTRUCTION 

BY THE DIVISION OF TESTS, PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION

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THIS REPORT is the fourth in a series describing investigations of materials for base-course construction. Previous reports have described laboratory and circular track tests on sand-clay and sand-clay-gravel materials and on nonplastic materials with admixtures of water-retentive chemicals.

The present report is the result of investigations in which three chert-gravels from Alabama were tested in the outdoor circular track. The chert-gravels tested were representative of a class of local materials found to such an extent in the Southeastern United States as to be important in road construction. They consist of mixtures of coarse chert particles and fine material made up of dust of fracture and clay. As a class they have given satisfactory service when used as surface courses, but have caused failures in numerous instances when used as base courses because of excessive amounts of the active binder which they usually contain.

Sand and granulated slag were used to reduce the plasticity index of the plastic chert-gravel that was investigated. Due to the presence of finely divided silica in the chert it was felt that the addition of lime might reduce the activity of the natural binder and form a cementing agent through puzzolanic action. Consequently, an admixture of hydrated lime was used in three sections to determine its effect on the behavior of the chert-gravels as base courses.
The circular track used in these investigations was the same as was used in the studies of water-retentive chemicals as admixtures with nonplastic road-building materials which have been reported previously. ${ }^{1}$ The tire equipment was size 30 by 5 , of the high-pressure type, requiring an inflation pressure of 80 pounds per square inch. The load imposed by each wheel was 800 pounds until near the end of the test when it was increased to 1,000 pounds.

Distributed traffic, which was used for compacting the base course and the surface treatment, was obtained by gradually shifting the rotating beam longitudinally with respect to its axis of rotation. Concentrated traffic, which was used after the surface treatment had been constructed, was obtained by locking the sliding pivot of the beam in such a position that the wheels pursued two concentric circular courses whose center lines were about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches on either side of the center line of the test sections.

## COMPOSITION AND TESTING OF TRACK SECTIONS DISCUSSED

Six sections were tested in this investigation. Each section was 18 inches wide, 6 inches deep, and approximately 6.3 feet long.
Three chert-gravel materials were used in the track sections. Chert A was a mixture of materials from two

[^0]pits in Alabama having similar test constants. This mixture had a liquid limit of 46 and a plasticity index of 20 . Chert B was from a single pit in Alabama and had a liquid limit of 25 and a plasticity index of 2 . Chert C was a composite of 11 samples which had been taken from chert base courses in Alabama at locations where base failures had occurred.

The compositions of the six sections in the track are given in table 1. Section 1 consisted of 45 percent of chert A and 55 percent of Potomac River sand; section 2 consisted of 43 percent of chert A, 52 percent of Potomac River sand, and 5 percent by weight of hydrated lime; section 3 consisted of 35 percent of chert A and 65 percent of granulated slag; section 4 consisted entirely of chert B; section 5 consisted of 95 percent of chert B and 5 percent of hydrated lime; and section 6 consisted of 95 percent of chert C with a 5 percent hydrated lime admixture. The quantity of sand and granulated slag used in sections 1 and 3 was that required to reduce the plasticity index of chert A from 20 to approximately 6 . Section 2 was identical with section 1 except for the admixture of 5 percent of hydrated lime.

The gradings and soil constants of the mixtures used are given in table 2. The effect of the hydrated lime in increasing the liquid limit and reducing the plasticity index can be seen by comparing the analyses of section 1 with section 2 and section 4 with section 5 .

Table 1.-Composition ${ }^{1}$ of sections of test track

| Section No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chert A | Percent 45 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ 43 \end{gathered}$ | Percent 35 | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Chert B. |  |  |  | 100 | 95 |  |
| Chert C..- |  |  |  |  |  | 95 |
| Potomac River sand | 55 | 52 |  |  |  |  |
| Granulated slag Hydrated lime |  | 5 | 65 | ------------ | 5 | 5 |

${ }^{1}$ Percentage based on dry weight.
Table 2.-Gradings and soil constarts of mixtures used in track

| Section No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grading: | Percent | Percent | Percent 100 | Percent 100 | Percent 99 | Percent 100 |
| Passing 1-inch sieve. | 100 | 100 | $100$ | $100$ | 99 | $100$ |
| Passing $3 / 4$-inch sieve | 99 | 99 | 100 | 97 85 | 92 |  |
| Passing 3/8-inch sieve. | 89 | 90 | 92 | 85 | 79 | 75 |
| Passing No. 4 sieve.- | 80 | 81 | 87 | 70 | 63 | 60 |
| Passing No. 10 sieve | 65 | 64 | 60 | 55 | 46 | 44 |
| Passing No. 40 sieve. | 44 | 37 | 35 | 44 | 33 | 29 |
| Passing No. 200 sieve | 19 | 12 | 19 | 36 | 26 | 15 |
| Passing 0.005 mm | 7 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 9 |
| Dust ratio ${ }^{1}$ | 43 | 32 | 54 | 82 | 79 | 52 |
| Tests on material passing No. 40 sieve: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liquid limit.......... | 22 | 28 | 24 | 25 | 36 | 34 |
| Plasticity index.-.-.----- | 8 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

[^1]In constructing the test sections sufficient water was added to the aggregates to bring the fraction passing the No. 4 sieve to its optimum moisture content as previously determined by the A. A. S. H. O. standard compaction test, with a slight excess for wetting the coarse aggregates.

The moisture contents of all sections immediately after being placed in the track and at the time of failure or end of test are shown in table 3, together with the optimum moisture contents for the fraction of the materials passing the No. 4 sieve.

Table 3.- Moisture contents immediately after construction and at the end of test, and optimum moisture contents of the fraction passing the No. 4 sieve

| Section No. | Optimum moisture content of fraction passing No. 4 sieve ${ }^{1}$ | Moisture content of sections after placing ${ }^{2}$ | Moisture content of sections at time of failure or end of test ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Percent 11.6 | Percent 10.4 | Percent $9.9$ |
| 2 | 14.0 | 11.2 | 14.6 |
| 3 | 14.6 | 10.0 | 12.3 |
| 4 | 16.1 | 15.2 | 15.1 |
| 5 | 19.6 | 16.0 | 19.0 |
| 6 | 15.8 | 10.0 | 16.7 |

Based on the dry weight of the portion of the aggregate passing the No. 4 sieve.
${ }^{2}$ Based on the dry weight of the total material.
The procedure for preparing the materials for the track tests, constructing the test sections, and surfacetreating them, was as follows:

1. The aggregates were proportioned by weight from the stock materials and were thoroughly mixed before any water was added.
2. Hydrated lime was added to the materials for sections 2,5 , and 6 and thoroughly incorporated in the dry mixing process.
3. Water was added and mixing continued to distribute the moisture.
4. The moistened mixtures were then placed in the trough of the track in two approximately equal layers, each layer being compacted with pneumatic-tired traffic uniformly distributed over the surface.
5. Compaction with distributed traffic was continued on the top layer for 20,000 wheel-trips, at which time no further subsidence was noted and all sections were in suitable condition for testing.
6. The sections were trimmed smooth.
7. A prime coat consisting of 0.3 gallon per square yard of light tar was applied and allowed to cure.
8. A surface treatment consisting of 0.4 gallon of hot tar and a cover of 50 pounds per square yard of $3 / 4$-inch-maximum-size stone was constructed.
9. The treated surface was consolidated by an additional 20,000 wheel-trips distributed over the surface. The surface was well sealed by then and showed no movement.

## RATING OF SECTIONS BASED ON APPEARANCE AND AMOUNT OF DISPLACEMENT

The behavior of the materials under test was judged on the basis of the appearance of the sections at various stages of the tests supplemented by measurements of vertical displacements of the surface. Previous reports have described the transverse ${ }^{2}$ and longitudinal ${ }^{3}$ profilometers with which the measurements were made.

[^2]By means of a planimeter, the area between the initial and each succeeding transverse profile made at that station was measured. That area divided by the width of the track ( 18 inches) gave the vertical displacement, and the average for the two stations on the section gave the average vertical displacement for that section.

The area between the initial and each succeeding longitudinal profile made in that wheel lane was measured for each section and the area of vertical displacement determined. That area divided by the length of the wheel lane gave the depth of rutting and the average for the two wheel lanes gave the average depth of rutting for the section.

An average vertical displacement of about 0.25 inch, measured after the sections had been surface treated and subjected to the action of concentrated traffic, was observed to be sufficient to cause noticeable damage to the bituminous surface. This is in agreement with conclusions reached in previous investigations using the same apparatus. The amount of rutting measured by the longitudinal profilometer averaged approximately 0.5 inch at the same time the average vertical displacement was 0.25 inch. Since the average vertical displacement depends upon the width of the track, a comparison of average vertical displacement with depth of rutting is only valid for a track having a width of 18 inches.

Changes in behavior of the various sections under altered test conditions are clearly shown by abrupt changes in the slopes of the displacement curves, figure 1.

The schedule of traffic applications and changes in water elevation, with notations on the behavior of the five test sections, are given in table 4. Initial profile measurements were taken at 40,000 wheel-trips when concentrated traffic was started. The average vertical displacements as measured by the transverse profilometer and the average depth of ruts as measured by the longitudinal profilometer subsequent to that time are shown in figure 1.

All sections compacted well and showed little movement under distributed traffic with no water in the sub-base ( 0 to 40,000 wheel-trips).

Water was admitted and the level raised to one-half inch above the top of the subbase at 40,000 wheel-trips. The sections were allowed to absorb water overnight. Movement was noticed in the base course of section 4 (chert B) as soon as testing with concentrated traffic was started. At 40,572 wheel-trips, or only 572 wheeltrips after water was admitted to the sub-base, this section had failed completely and was so rough that it had to be removed and replaced with a dummy section before testing could be continued.

Profiles of section 4 after it had failed showed an average vertical displacement of 0.78 inch and an average depth of rut of 0.93 inch. The condition of the section at 40,572 wheel-trips is shown in figure 2.

Testing with concentrated traffic was resumed at 44,972 wheel-trips, 4,400 wheel-trips of distributed traffic having been applied to compact the surface treatment on the dummy section which replaced section 4.

Movement was noticed in section 1, the sand-chert A mixture, soon after testing was resumed. This continued throughout the testing period from 44,972 wheeltrips to 84,400 wheel-trips with the water level onehalf inch above the top of the sub-base. The rutted condition of section 1, caused by lack of stability in the base course, is shown in figure 3.


Figure 1.-Rate of Surface Displacement of Track Sections Under Traffic.

Section 5, constructed of chert B with a 5-percent admixture of hydrated lime, was slightly unstable when tested with the water at the $1 / 2$-inch level. Wheel tracks were plainly visible on the surface and average vertical displacement exceeded 0.4 inch.

Sections 2, 3, and 6 remained in good condition during this period of testing, although the rate of


Figure 2.-Appearance of Section 4 at 40,572 Wheel-Trips, or 572 Wheel-Trips After Start of Testing With Concentrated Traffic.


Figure 3.-Appearance of Section 1 at 84,400 Wheel-Trips, After Testing With Water $1 \frac{1}{2}$ Inch Above the Top of the Sub-Base.
average vertical displacement for section 3, the chert A-slag section, indicated that continued traffic with water at the $1 / 2$-inch level would ultimately have produced failure.

ONLY ONE SECTION REMAINED IN GOOD CONDITION THROUGHOUT ENTIRE TEST

Water was raised to $21 / 2$ inches above the top of the sub-base at 84,400 wheel-trips and testing with concentrated traffic was continued. Under these test conditions section 1 failed completely; sections 3 and 5 were slightly unstable with increasing amounts of vertical displacement; and sections 2 and 6 remained in good condition. Section 1 was removed at 124,400 wheeltrips and replaced with a dummy section.

Testing was then continued with the water raised to $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches above the top of the sub-base. Wheel loads were increased from 800 to 1,000 pounds at 164,400 wheel-trips.

Table 4.-Schedule of operations and behavior of test sections


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Figure 4.-Appearance of Sections 2, 3, 5, and 6 at the End of Test. Note the Soft Spot That Developed in Section 6.

At the end of this very severe treatment, section 5 had failed completely and section 3 was unstable and in very poor condition. Figure 4 shows the condition of these two sections at 180,720 wheel-trips, when testing was discontinued.

A soft spot developed in section 6, composed of chert C with 5 percent hydrated lime, at about 160,000 wheel-trips. Mud and water began to work through the surface treatment but excessive displacements were not observed. However, when the wheel loads were increased at 164,400 wheel-trips a localized failure developed at this spot on section 6 . The rest of the section remained in good condition throughout the test.

The appearance of section 6 at the end of testing is shown in figure 4. The soft spot can be seen at the left.

Section 2, composed of sand, chert A, and 5 percent hydrated lime, remained in good condition at all times during the testing. The average vertical displacement on this section at the end of the test was only 0.05 inch, and average depth of ruts at the same time about 0.09 inch. The condition of section 2 at the conclusion of testing is shown in figure 4.

The density of each track section was measured at the time of failure or at the end of the testing period. The results of these determinations are shown in table 5 , together with the densities obtained in the standard compaction test performed on the fraction of the material passing the No. 4 sieve.

Laboratory compaction tests were also made on the materials as tested in the track. The procedure for making these tests was similar to the standard test, except that a mold having a capacity of one-fourth cubic foot was used and the soil was compacted in
three layers with 100 blows of the standard rammer per layer. The results of these tests are also shown in table 5.

Table 5.-Comparison of densities obtained by laboratory compaction tests and by testing in the circular track

| Method of compaction | Section No. | Water content based on dry weight | Composition by volume |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Water | Aggregate | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Air } \\ & \text { voids } \end{aligned}$ |
| Standard compaction test on fraction passing No. 4 sieve. | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percent } \\ & 11.6 \end{aligned}$ | Percent $23.0$ | Percent i2. 2 | Percent 4.9 |
|  | 2 3 | 14.0 | 25.9 | 67.1 | 7.0 |
|  | 3 4 4 | 14.6 | 28.2 28.6 | 70.2 62.3 | 1.6 10.1 |
|  | 5 | 19.6 | 31.1 | 57.8 | 11.1 |
|  | 6 | 15.8 | 28.1 | 64.6 | 7.3 |
|  | 1 | 13.3 | 26.3 | 71.9 | 1.8 |
| Compaction test on entire sample in $1 / 4$ cubic foot mold. | 2 | 15.0 | 29.2 | 70.8 |  |
|  | 3 4 4 | 14.1 | 26.9 24.9 | 69.3 64.7 | 3.8 10.4 |
|  | 4 | 14.0 18.0 | 24.9 31.9 | 64.7 | 10.4 6.3 |
|  | 6 | 13.8 | 26.2 | 69.1 | 4. 4 |
|  | 1 | 9.9 | 20.2 | 74.0 | 5.8 |
| Samples cut from track at end of test or time of failure.- | 2 | 14.6 | 26.0 | 64.7 | 9.3 |
|  | 3 4 4 | 12.3 | 24.0 | 71.0 | 5.0 |
|  | 5 | 15.1 | 26.5 | 63.9 | 9.6 |
|  | 5 | 19.0 | 32.7 29.0 | 62.6 63.2 | 4.7 7.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

The addition of 5 percent hydrated lime reduced the densities of both the sand-chert A mixture and chert B in the track sections as well as in the laboratory compaction tests. Thus the amount of aggregate solids by volume for the section 1 materials in the standard compaction test was 72.2 percent; in the compaction test in the $1 / 4$ cubic foot mold, 71.9 percent; and in the track, 74.0 percent. Corresponding aggregate volumes for the section 2 materials, which were similar to section 1 except for the addition of 5 percent hydrated lime were, respectively, 67.1 percent, 70.8 percent, and 64.7 percent. Similarly, the densities of the section 5 materials, chert $B$ with 5 percent hydrated lime, were consistently lower than the corresponding densities of the section 4 material, which was chert $B$ without admixture.

No consistent relationship was found between densities measured by either of the laboratory compaction methods and those obtained in the track. The closest agreement was between the track densities and densities obtained by the standard compaction test.

In sections 1,3 , and 4 , where hydrated lime was not used, the track densities were higher than those obtained in the standard compaction test. In sections 2 and 6, where lime was used, the reverse was true. In section 5 , which also contained lime, the track densities were the higher.

## SUMMARY

The grading curves for the six combinations of materials tested are shown in figure 5 . The shaded band in this figure is drawn to include the A. A. S. H. O. specification requirements for coarse-graded-type aggregate base-course materials having a maximum size of 1 inch. The curve for the section 6 material is the only one which falls entirely within the specification limits. These specifications further stipulate that the fraction passing the No. 40 sieve shall have a liquid limit not greater than 25 and a plasticity index not greater than 6. All mixtures tested in the track had plasticity indexes of less than 6 except that used in section 1. The liquid limits of the materials used in sections 2,5 , and 6 exceeded 25 (see table 1). All three of these sections,
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# BENDING TESTS ON BITUMINOUS MIXTURES 

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BENDING TESTS on bituminous paving mixtures have been made for some time. In 1923 and 1924 the Public Roads Administration made a series of such tests, the rusults of which were not published, which seemed to indicate some relationship between stiffness of the mixture and cracking of the pavement in service. Bituminous surfaces that had cracked in service were generally found to consist of stiffer mixes, as determined by bending tests, than those which had not cracked. These tests were made at $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. using a small universal testing machine to apply a center load on a 2 -inch by 2 -inch beam with a span of 10 inches.

Recently Professor Lloyd F. Rader, ${ }^{1234}$ of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, made bending tests upon sheet asphalt mixtures at temperatures as low as $-70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., cooling the specimens with dry ice. He used beams 2 inches wide and $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches deep with a span of 6 inches. A center load was applied with a testing machine. Both laboratory prepared specimens and specimens cut from pavements were tested. Rader studied the effect of temperature, degree of compaction, type of asphalt, and percentage of asphalt, upon the test results. At the lowest temperatures straight load-deflection curves were obtained but at higher temperatures they were considerably curved. The modulus of rupture and the modulus of elasticity were calculated. On the field specimens Rader found that in general the uncracked pavements had higher moduli of rupture and lower moduli of elasticity than the cracked pavements.
Raschig and Doyle ${ }^{56}$ have also made bending tests on laboratory prepared specimens and specimens taken from pavements. These beam specimens were 1.5 inches square, tested as cantilevers with lengths of 4 inches. Tests were made at $-5,25$, and $38^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and the modulus of elasticity and modulus of rupture were calculated.

## SPECiAL beam testing machine designed and built

These previous investigations have indicated the possible value of the flexure test as a means for studying the essential characteristics of bituminous paving mixtures and the reasons for the variable behavior of bituminous pavements. This investigation was undertaken primarily to study the effect of different variables upon the test results obtained with laboratory specimens although, as a matter of interest, some data from tests on samples taken from pavements are included in the report.

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Figure 1.-Diagrammatic Sketch of Bending Apparatus.
Bituminous paving mixtures are plastics and therefore the results of bending tests on them depend to a great degree on the rate at which loads are applied. Since a testing machine that would apply the load smoothly and at a uniform rate, and still be sensitive in the low range of load necessary, was not available, it was necessary to design and build a special machine for making these tests. A sketch of this machine is given in figure 1 and a general view on the cover page of this issue.
It consists of two beam supports which can be adjusted for spans of 6,8 , and 10 inches, and a multiplying lever arrangement for applying a load at the center by means of lead shot. A water bath is used so that the specimen can be maintained at a definite temperature during the testing operation. Deflections are measured with an Ames dial which measures the travel of the top lever. Specimens as large as 3 inches by 3 inches can be tested. The rate of load application can be varied from about 75 pounds per minute to about 500 pounds per minute.
A limited number of tests have been made so far primarily to try out the apparatus, determine the effect of controllable variables upon the test results, and decide upon a standard method of test. Laboratory specimens were made of Potomac River sand, limestone dust, and 50 -penetration Mexican asphalt. In order to reduce as much as possible the hardening of the asphalt during the fabrication of the specimens, only sufficient mixture to make one beam was prepared at a time. Beams were formed in a 2 -inch by 11 -inch mold by direct compression of 3,000 pounds per square inch

using two opposed plungers. The thickness was controlled by the amount of material placed in the mold.

On the day following molding of the specimens they were tested for specific gravity and then brought to test temperature by immersion in a water bath for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hours. They were then placed in the test apparatus with plates $1 / 2$ inch wide between the beam and the knife edges to keep the knife edges from indenting the beams. Loading was started and the Ames dial read at convenient time intervals until the beam broke. As the shot flows at a uniform rate, the load is proportional to the time and the load-deflection curves were plotted as in figure 2.

It is customary in reporting the results of bending tests to use the modulus of rupture as a measure of the strength of the material and the modulus of elasticity as a measure of the stiffness. The modulus of rupture was calculated from the formula

$$
S=\frac{3 P l}{2 b d^{3}}
$$

where $S=$ the modulus of rupture in pounds per square inch;
$P=$ the breaking load;
$l=$ the span in inches;
$b=$ the width of the beam; and
$d=$ the depth of the beam.
None of the load-deflection curves was straight and it was necessary to calculate a secant modulus of elasticity. Because of difficulty in correctly ascertaining the initial dial reading, only the portion of the curve between one-fifth and one-half the breaking load was used. The formula for modulus of elasticity then became

$$
E=\frac{l^{3}}{4 b d^{3} R}
$$

where $E=$ the modulus of elasticity in pounds per square inch;
$R=$ the average rate of deflection in inches per pound of load; and
$l, b$, and $d$ are the same as in the formula for modulus of rupture.

## rate of loading affected moduli of rupture and elasticity

Tests were first made to determine the effect of changing the rate of loading upon the test results. Identical beams were tested at $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. using three different rates of loading. The results, plotted in figure 3, show that increasing the rate of loading increases the modulus of rupture and the modulus of elasticity.


Figure 3.-Effect of Changing Rate of Loading Upon the Test Results.

In connection with the tests to determine the effect of rate of loading, a few beams were tested with constant loads. Time-deflection curves for these beams are shown in figure 4 , together with the curve for a beam tested in the usual manner. It required almost 4 minutes and a load of 485 pounds to break the beam when the load increased at the rate of 125 pounds per minute. However, a constant load of 353 pounds, less than $3 / 3$ of the increasing load, broke the beam in less than 3 minutes. Loads of 295 and 235 pounds broke the beams in about 5 and 13 minutes, respectively.

Tests were made to determine the validity of the formulas for modulus of rupture and modulus of elasticity when applied to bituminous beams by testing beams of the same composition but of various dimensions and with various spans. Because of the great difference in test results obtained with different rates of loading, it was necessary to assume that the modulus of rupture formula was applicable and to vary the rate of loading directly as the width of the beam, directly as the square of the depth of the beam, and inversely as the test span. The rate of stress, calculated from the modulus of rupture formula, would thus be a constant.

Specimens $1,1 \frac{1}{2}$, and 2 inches deep were made. For testing beams of different widths these were turned on edge to give beams $2,1 \frac{112}{2}$, and 1 inch wide and 2 inches deep. These were tested on a span of 8 inches, the loads being applied at the rate of 120 pounds per inch width per minute. The results, given in table 1, show that beams of different widths but of the same depth when tested on the same span have practically the same modulus of rupture and modulus of elasticity.


Figure 4.-Time-Deflection Curves for Beams Subjected to Constant and Increasing Loads.

The results of tests on beams with various depths and test spans are given in table 2. In order to show the amount of variation among the individual tests all the results are given. For the sizes of beams used in these tests the depth and test span do not appear to affect greatly the value of the modulus of rupture. The short, deep beams, however, have lower values for modulus of elasticity than have the longer and thinner beams. Part, if not all, of this variation in modulus of elasticity is probably caused by assuming that all the deflection is caused by bending stresses, whereas with deep beams of short spans a considerable amount of deflection is caused by shearing stresses.

Figure 5 shows that increasing the density of the specimens by greater compaction increases both their strength and stiffness.

Table 1.-Effect of width of test specimen on the results of bending tests at $39^{\circ} F$.

| Width of <br> specimen | Modulus of <br> rupture | Modulus of <br> elasticity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inches | Lb. per sq. in. | Lb. per sq. in. |
| 2.0 | 660 | 32,000 |
| 1.5 | 690 | 32,000 |
| 1.0 | 630 | 35,000 |

Figures 6 and 7 show the effect of temperature upon the test results. Temperatures as low as $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. were obtained using mixtures of ice, salt, and water. The temperature of $-27^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., shown in figure 7, was obtained in a refrigerator. The specimens were kept in the refrigerator for 3 hours and then tested, the bath of the testing apparatus being filled with ice, salt, and water at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Because of the large amount of ice required to obtain temperatures below $39^{\circ}$. F. it was difficult to place the specimens correctly in position for testing. The results, therefore, are not as consistent as they are at temperatures of $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and higher. Nevertheless, they do show in a general way how a reduction in temperature increases the strength and stiffness of a mixture.


Figure 5.-Effect of Vartations in Density Upon Modulus of Rupture and Modulus of Elasticity of Specimens.

## EFFECT OF COMPOSITION ON BEAM STRENGTH INVESTIGATED

Mixtures were made with four different percentages of asphalt and four different ratios of sand and filler. All specimens were 2 inches deep molded under a pressure of 3,000 pounds per square inch. Specimens were tested at $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. with a span of 8 inches, applying the load at 120 pounds per minute, which gave a rate of stress of 180 pounds per square inch per minute. Results are given in table 3 and in figures 8,9, and 10.


Figure 6.-Effect of Temperature Upon Modulds of Rupture and Modulus of Elasticity of Specimens.

Table 2.-Effect of beam dimensions on the results of bending tests at $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. when the rate of stress ${ }^{1}$ was 550 pounds per square inch per minute

| Span | Depth |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 inch |  | $11 / 2$ inches |  | 2 inches |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Modulus } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { rupture } \end{gathered}$ | Modulus of elasticity | $\begin{gathered} \text { Modulus } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { rupture } \end{gathered}$ | Modulus of elasticity | Modulus of rupture | Modulus of elasticity |
| 6 inches....... | Lb. persq. ${ }^{\text {in. }}$688611712768702896762820745 | Lb. per sq. in. 51, 000 39,000 45,000 | Lb. per <br> sq. in. $\begin{aligned} & 683 \\ & 720 \\ & 790 \\ & 740 \\ & 818 \\ & 878 \\ & 818 \\ & 806 \\ & 782 \end{aligned}$ | Lb. per sq. in. 36, 000 32,000 46, 000 46, 000 50, 000 50, 000 34, 000 36, 000 41,000 | Lb. per sq. in$\begin{aligned} & 774 \\ & 771 \\ & 756 \\ & 844 \\ & 816 \\ & 864 \\ & 764 \\ & 792 \\ & 797 \end{aligned}$ | Lb. per sq. in. 34, 000 34, 000 |
|  |  | 47, 000 |  |  |  | 48,000 |
|  |  | 60,000 |  |  |  | 33,000 42,000 |
|  |  | 52, 000 |  |  |  | 33, 000 |
|  |  | 56,000 |  |  |  | 33, 000 |
|  |  | 50, 000 |  |  |  | 37, 000 |
| 8 inches....... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 765 \\ 803 \\ 795 \\ 765 \\ 782 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56,000 \\ & 66,000 \\ & 73,000 \\ & 63,000 \\ & 64,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 762 \\ & 755 \\ & 815 \\ & 809 \\ & 785 \end{aligned}$ | 50,00063,00066,00061,00060,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 781 \\ & 823 \\ & 832 \\ & 754 \\ & 798 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50,000 \\ & 57,000 \\ & 53,000 \\ & 45,000 \\ & 52,000 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 inches_.... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 714 \\ 721 \\ 787 \\ 758 \\ 745 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50,000 \\ & 50,000 \\ & 82,000 \\ & 70,000 \\ & 63,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 683 \\ & 693 \\ & 784 \\ & 758 \\ & 730 \end{aligned}$ | 61,000 <br> 53, 000 <br> 62, 000 <br> 62, 000 <br> 61, 000 | $\begin{aligned} & 739 \\ & 828 \\ & 756 \\ & 758 \\ & 770 \end{aligned}$ | 54, 000 <br> 62, 000 <br> 54, 000 <br> 54, 000 <br> 56, 000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ The rate of stress is the modulus of rupture divided by the time required to break the beam.

For mixtures containing 0,5 , and 10 percent dust the modulus of rupture increased with increasing amounts of asphalt up to 14 percent, but for mixtures containing 15 percent dust the maximum modulus of rupture was obtained with 12 percent asphalt.

Figure 9 shows the composition of the specimens by volume and indicates why the modulus of rupture decreased when the mixture contained 14 percent asphalt with 15 percent filler in the aggregate. With 0,5 , and 10 percent filler in the aggregate the increase of asphalt from 8 to 14 percent increased the percentage of aggregate in the specimen. With 15 percent filler in the aggregate the percentage of aggregate by volume increased at a uniform rate with increases in


Figure 7.-Effect of Temperature Upon Modulus of Rulture and Modulus of Elasticity of Specimens.
asphalt up to 12 percent, but with 14 percent asphalt the percentage of the aggregate was decreased.

Table 3.-Results of bending tests on specimens 1 made with various amounts of asphalt and filler


${ }^{1}$ 2-inch by 2 -inch specimens tested with span of 8 inches. Test temperature, $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Rate of stress, 180 pounds per square inch per minute.
Figure 10 shows the modulus of elasticity and the total deflection of the various mixtures. There is little consistent difference between the moduli of elasticity of the specimens containing, 8,10 , and 12 percent asphalt. All became stiffer as the amount of dust was increased. As the strengths of the specimens increased with increasing asphalt contents, the total deflections increased likewise although the moduli of elasticity were about the same. With 14 percent asphalt the modulus of elasticity was about the same for 0,5 , and 10 percent dust but decreased with 15 percent dust. With 10 and 15 percent dust the modulus of elasticity was much lower than that of specimens containing 8,10 , and 12 percent asphalt. The total deflection of the specimens containing 14 percent asphalt was much greater than the deflection of the specimens containing less asphalt.

Table 4.-Results of bending tests on various types of surfaces ${ }^{1}$ from Ohio projects

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Specimen } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Type of surface | Age | Condition of surface | Rate of stress | Modulus of rupture | Modulus of elastic ity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43309-1 \\ & 43309-2 \\ & 43309-3 \end{aligned}$ | Sheet asphalt on binder course. | Years | Good | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Lb. per } \\ \text { sq. in. } \\ \text { per min. } \\ \left\{\begin{array}{r} 141 \\ 143 \\ 145 \end{array}\right. \end{array}\right.$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|r} \text { Lb. per } \\ \text { sq. in. } \\ 962 \\ 1,040 \\ 1,037 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lb. per } \\ & \text { sq. i. i. } \\ & 36,000 \\ & 37,000 \\ & 40,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Average |  |  |  |  | 1,015 | 38,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43319-1 \\ & 43319-2 \\ & 43319-3 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Two-course bitu- } \\ \text { minous concrete. }\end{array}\right.$ | 11/2 | Excellent......- | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}145 \\ 149 \\ 145\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 880 \\ & 960 \\ & 840 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 84,000 \\ & 92,000 \\ & 92,00 \end{aligned}$ |
| A verage -- |  |  |  |  | 895 | 89,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43321-1 . \\ & 43321-2 \\ & 43321-3 \end{aligned}$ |  | $4+$ | Good....-....... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}138 \\ 139 \\ 139\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 818 \\ & 910 \\ & 854 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 61,000 \\ 105,000 \\ 101,000 \end{array}$ |
| Average. - |  |  |  |  | 860 | 89,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43322-1 . \\ & 43322-2 \end{aligned}$ | do | $21 / 2$ | Excellent....... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 228 \\ 262 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 850 \\ & 812 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 83,000 \\ 103,000 \end{array}$ |
| A verage.. |  |  |  |  | 830 | 93,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43306-1 \\ & 43060-2 \\ & 43306-3 \\ & 43306-4 \end{aligned}$ |  | $3+$ | Good...-------- | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}150 \\ 140 \\ 144 \\ 135\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 724 \\ & 718 \\ & 852 \\ & 902 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 92,000 \\ 103,000 \\ 100,000 \\ 96,000 \end{array}$ |
| Average . - |  |  |  |  | 800 | 98, 000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43320-1 \\ & 43320-2 \\ & 43320-3 \end{aligned}$ | do | $4+$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Generally } \\ & \text { cracked. } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}143 \\ 145 \\ 142\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 712 \\ & 738 \\ & 704 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 82,000 \\ 137,000 \\ 108,000 \end{array}$ |
| A verage |  |  |  |  | 720 | 109, 000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43318-1 . \\ & 43318-2 . \end{aligned}$ | do | $4+$ | .-. . do.......... | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} 136 \\ 142 \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 648 \\ & 668 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56,000 \\ & 40,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Average. |  |  |  |  | 660 | 48,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43311-1 \\ & 43311-2 \\ & 43311-3 \\ & 43311-4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sheet asphalt on } \\ & \text { binder course. } \end{aligned}$ | 61/2 | -...do...-......- | 140 142 142 140 | $\begin{aligned} & 524 \\ & 620 \\ & 617 \\ & 554 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24,000 \\ & 84,000 \\ & 96,000 \\ & 94,00 \end{aligned}$ |
| A verage - |  |  |  |  | 580 | 75, 000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43304-1 \ldots . . \\ & 43304-2 \ldots \\ & 43304-3 \ldots \\ & 43304-4 \ldots \end{aligned}$ | Two-course bituminous concrete. | $3+$ | Badly cracked and worn. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}140 \\ 142 \\ 140 \\ 143\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 489 \\ & 577 \\ & 632 \\ & 520 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 112,000 \\ 76,000 \\ 102,000 \\ 103,000 \end{array}$ |
| Average. - |  |  |  |  | 555 | 98, 000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43326-1 \ldots . . \\ & 43326-2 \\ & 43326-3 \\ & 43326-4 \end{aligned}$ | do | 51/2 | Badly cracked. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}140 \\ 142 \\ 141 \\ 140\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 520 \\ & 566 \\ & 576 \\ & 505 \end{aligned}$ | 103, 000 <br> 80, 000 <br> 105,000 56,000 |
| Average. - |  |  |  |  | 540 | 86,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43323 \mathrm{~T}-1 \ldots \\ & 43323 \mathrm{~T}-2 \ldots \end{aligned}$ | $\} \underset{\text { crete }}{\text { Bituminous con- }}$ | $2+$ | Good............ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}140 \\ 143\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} 536 \\ 454 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78,000 \\ & 90,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| A Ferage .- |  |  |  |  | 495 | 84, 000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43323 \mathrm{~B}-1 \\ & 43323 \mathrm{~B}-2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bituminous con- } \\ & \text { crete (base for } \\ & \text { above). } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}177 \\ 161\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 580 \\ & 448 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100,000 \\ & 100,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Average. |  |  |  |  | 515 | 100, 000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 43316-1-\ldots . \\ & 43316-2 \\ & 43316-3 \\ & 43316-4 \end{aligned}$ | Two-course bituminous concrete. | $31 / 2$ | Badly cracked and ravelled. | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}141 \\ 145 \\ 141 \\ 140\end{array}\right.$ | 462 335 522 475 | 102,000 <br> 153, 000 <br> 115,000 |
| Average . |  |  |  |  | 450 | 133, 000 |

${ }^{1}$ Tested at $39^{\circ}$ F. Span, 6 inches.
In order to obtain information about the characteristics of actual pavements when tested in this manner, samples were obtained from several pavements in Ohio and Wisconsin and from one pavement in the District of Columbia.

The samples from Ohio were representative of several types of bituminous surfacing. The specimens were 2 inches wide and 2 inches deep. Each specimen contained all of the top course and a portion of the base



Figure 8.-Effect of Composition Upon the Modulus of Rupture.


Figure 9.-Comparison of Weight and Volume Composition of Beams.


Figure 10.-Effect of Composimion Upon Modulus of Elasticity and Total Deflection.
course. They were tested at $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. on a span of 6 inches with the wearing surface in tension. The results are given in table 4. Samples are arranged in order of strength. It is, of course, difficult to correlate laboratory results with field behavior as there are so many unknown factors contributing to the failure of a surface. All of the pavement samples were taken from locations where the base was in good condition. Generally, the good pavements had the highest modulus of rupture but there seems to be little correlation between the modulus of elasticity and the condition of the pavement.

The samples from Wisconsin and the District of Columbia were of sheet asphalt and in most cases the binder course was sawed off before testing. These specimens were 2 inches wide and slightly over 1 inch thick. A few samples were tested with enough of the


Figure 11.-Effect of Density Upon the Modulus of Rupture of Sheet Asphalt From Connecticut Ave., District of Columbia.
binder course to make specimens 2 inches deep. All specimens were tested at $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. on a span of 6 inches with the wearing surface in tension. Results of these tests are given in tables 5,6 , and 7 .
The samples from the District of Columbia were taken immediately after the pavement had been laid. They were all the same composition, varying only in density, and it is seen in figure 11 that there is a direct relationship between the density and strength of the specimens. Comparing tables 5 and 6 it is seen that for the 2-inch specimens the modulus of rupture is somewhat lower and the modulus of elasticity considerably lower than for the 1 -inch specimens. A great part of this difference is caused by the difference in the rate of stress during the two tests. The pavement from which these samples were taken was in good condition in September 1939 after 31/2 years service.

All of the Wisconsin samples were from pavements in good condition. Differences in composition account for the differences in strength and stiffness.

Table 5.-Results of bending tests on samples ${ }^{1}$ of sheet asphalt from Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

| Section No. | Specifie gravity | Modulus of rupture | Total deflection | Modulus of clasticity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-1 | 1.99 | Lb. per <br> sq. in | Inches$\begin{array}{r} 0.090 \\ .060 \end{array}$ | Lb. per <br> sq. in. 65, 000 |
|  |  | 619 514 |  |  |
| A-2 |  | 514 | . 060 | 68, 000 |
|  | 2.05 | 777 | . 095 | 67, 000 |
|  |  | 671 | . 070 | 95, 000 |
| C-1 | 12.02 | 774 | . 100 | 49,000 |
|  |  | 688 813 | . 090 | 61.000 |
|  | 12.04 $\ldots$. | 813 770 | . 090 | 76,000 65,000 |
| C-2 |  | 753 | . 095 | 68, 000 |
|  | 2. $05 \ldots \ldots$ | 791 | . 090 | 68, 000 |
|  |  | 752 | . 075 | 80, 000 |
|  |  | 862 | . 080 | 83, 000 |
| J)-1. | 2.07 | 887 | . 120 | 62, 000 |
|  |  | 917 | . 105 | 70, 000 |
|  |  | 912 | . 115 | 77. 000 |
|  |  | 8.56 | . 110 | 64. 000 |
| D) -2 | 2.10 | 968 | . 100 | 72,000 |
|  |  | 1,015 | . 090 | 84,000 |
|  |  | $1,010$ | . 100 | 82, 000 |
|  |  | $1,016$ | . 095 | 82.000 |
| D-3. |  | $749$ | . 100 | 63 , 0000 |
|  |  | 706 | . 080 | 66. 000 |
|  | 12.03 | 805 | . 110 | 62, 000 |
|  | 2.08 | 820 | . 090 | 83.000 |

[^5] 6 inches. Rate of stress, 425 pounds per square inch per minute.

Table 6.-Results of bending tests on samples 1 of shect asphalt from Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.

| Section No. | Specific gravity | Modulus of rupture | Total deflection | Modulus of elasticity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lb. per sq. in. | Inches | Lb. per sq. |
| C-1 | 2. 16 | 778 | 0.080 | 48,000 |
|  | 2. 17 | 758 | . 090 | 41,000 39,000 |
| C-2 | 2. 17 | 792 | . 080 | 39,000 44,000 |
| D-1 | 2.14 | 721 | . 095 | 34, 000 |
| D-2 | 2. 15 | 882 | . 100 | 35, 000 |
| D-3 | 2. 12 | 618 | . 080 | 37, 000 |

1 Top and binder course sawed to thickness of 2 inches. Tested at $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Span, 6 inches. Rate of stress, 150 pounds per square inch per minute.

Table 7.--Results of bending tests on samples ${ }^{2}$ of shect asphalt from Wisconsin

| Specimen No. | Rate of stress | Modulus of rupture | Total deflection | Modulus of elasticity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lb. per sq. $i n$. <br> 1,125 1,220 <br> 1,069 <br> 1,308 <br> 1,039 <br> 1,142 <br> 1,244 <br> 1,039 <br> 1,120 1,094 <br> 1, 117 <br> 1, 174 <br> 1,116 1,105 <br> 1,183 <br> 1, 106 <br> 1, 983 <br> 891 888 <br> 1,004 <br> 944 939 <br> 990 | Inches | Lb. per sq. $i n$.$\begin{array}{r} 128,000 \\ 96,000 \\ 120,000 \\ 110,000 \\ 119,000 \\ 117,000 \\ 138,000 \\ 98,000 \\ 98,000 \\ 103,000 \\ 109,000 \\ 70,000 \\ 80,000 \\ 101,000 \\ 77,000 \\ 74,000 \\ 106,000 \\ 106,000 \\ 88,000 \\ 78,000 \\ 66,000 \\ 63,000 \\ 65,000 \\ 77,000 \\ 86,000 \\ 58,000 \\ 55,000 \\ 87,000 \end{array}$ |
| 43331 |  |  | 0.060 |  |
|  |  |  | 075 |  |
| 332 |  |  | . 075 |  |
| 3335 |  |  | . 055 |  |
| 43341 |  |  | 055 |  |
| 43342 |  |  | . 110 |  |
|  |  |  | . 120 |  |
| 43343 |  |  | . 090 |  |
|  |  |  | . 090 |  |
| 43333 |  |  | . 105 |  |
| 3334 |  |  | . 080 |  |
| 43344. |  |  | . 110 |  |
| 43345 |  |  | . 125 |  |
| 43346 |  |  | . 075 |  |
|  |  |  | . 109 |  |
| 43347. |  |  | . 095 |  |
| 43336 |  |  | . 150 |  |
|  |  |  | . 140 |  |
| 43337 |  |  | . 115 |  |
| 43338. |  |  | 100 |  |
|  |  |  | . 160 |  |
|  |  |  | . 170 |  |
| 43340 |  |  | 120 |  |

[^6]These results of tests on actual surfaces are reported only as an indication of the possibilities of this type of investigation.

## SUMMARY

These flexure tests of bituminous mixtures with a constant rate of loading show that the modulus of rupture and the modulus of elasticity both increase as the rate of stress increases.

With a constant rate of stress it is indicated:

1. That the value of the modulus of rupture is not greatly influenced by the ratio of span length to depth of the test specimen.
2. That for a given span length the value of the modulus of elasticity decreases as the depth of beam increases and that for a given depth of beam the modulus increases as the span length is increased. In other words the modulus of elasticity decreases as the ratio of depth of beam to span length increases.
3. That the modulus of rupture and the modulus of elasticity, calculated by the usual formulas, are satisfactory measures of the strength and stiffiness of bituminous mixtures when due consideration is given to the effect on the modulus of elasticity of the ratio of span length to depth of beam.
4. That increasing the density of specimens by increased compaction increases their strength and stiffness.
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# EFFECT OF CONSISTENCY AND TYPE OF ASPHALT ON THE HUBBARD-FIELD STABILITY OF SHEET ASPHALT MIXTURES 

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BECAUSE the consistency of the contained asphalt affects the resistance of bituminous mixtures to displacement under traffic, it has been customary to vary somewhat the grade of asphalt depending on the climatic and traffic conditions. In general, the grades used in the Northern States are softer than those used in the Southern States for the same type of construction. In the same locality harder grades are used on the streets carrying the heavier traffic.

Recently, because of the great amount of cracking occurring in pavements, there has been a general trend towards the use of softer asphalts in sheet asphalt and asphaltic concrete construction. The effect of these softer grades of asphalt on the stability is, therefore, a matter of present interest. The work here described gives the results of Hubbard-Field stability tests ${ }^{1}$ on a typical sheet asphalt aggregate mixed with various grades and types of asphalt.

The mixture was similar in composition to that currently used in the District of Columbia. It contained 78 percent Potomac River sand, 11 percent limestone dust, and 11 percent asphalt. The first series of tests were made with 10 different grades of Mexican asphalt ranging in penetration from 23 to 182 . These asphalts were all made by the same producer using the same process of manufacture.

The penetrations of these asphalts were determined at a number of temperatures. The relations between penetration values and test temperatures are shown in figure 1.

As has already been shown ${ }^{2}$ the slope of the log pene-tration-temperature curve is a measure of the temperature susceptibility of the asphalt. The greater the slope the more susceptible is the asphalt. The slope can be calculated as follows:

$$
\text { Slope }=M=\frac{\log p_{2}-\log p_{1}}{t_{2}-t_{1}}
$$

where $p_{2}$ and $p_{1}$ are penetrations at temperatures $t_{2}$ and $t_{1}$, respectively. For these Mexican asphalts the slope had a constant value of approximately 0.022 .

By extending the curves upward, as represented by the dotted lines in figure 1, the penetration of the asphalts at any temperature may be estimated. Plotted on this dotted portion are the softening points of the asphalts. The penetration at the softening point averaged about 850 for these asphalts.

In order to minimize alteration of the asphalt during preparation of the specimens, the following method of

[^7]fabrication, which previous work had shown to cause very little hardening of the asphalt, was followed. Sufficient sand and filler to make three specimens were combined at room temperature. The cold asphalt was added and the pan containing the combined materials placed on a hot plate. Mixing was accomplished by continuous stirring at the lowest possible temperature The temperature of the finished mixtures ranged from about $220^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for the 180 -penctration asphalt to about $280^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for the 23 -penetration asphalt
stabllities of mexican asphalts depended upon their consistencies
Two forming molds and two compression machines were used, and after mixing was completed two specimens were immediately compressed using a load of 3,000 pounds per square inch maintained for 2 minutes. As soon as the first two specimens had been compacted the mixture for the third specimen, which had been kept hot, was placed in the mold and compacted. Thus only about 4 minutes elapsed between the completion of mixing and the completion of molding. There was found to be no difference in the density or the stability of the three specimens comprising a set.

The specimens were tested for Hubbard-Field stability at $122^{\circ}$ and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The results are given in table 1 , together with the softening point and penetration of the asphalt and the estimated penetration of the asphalt at $140^{\circ}$ and $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. When the logarithm of the stability is plotted against the logarithm of the penetration at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. of the contained asphalt, as in figure 2, all points fall approximately on two paralle] straight lines, one for a test temperature of $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and the other for a test temperature of $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

For these Mexican asphalts doubling the penetration of the asphalt reduced the Hubbard-Field stability of the sheet asphalt mixture by about 25 percent.

When the logarithm of the stability at either $122^{\circ}$ or $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. is plotted against the logarithm of the penetration of the asphalt at the same test temperature, as in figure 3, all points fall approximately on the same straight line. Thus for asphalts from the same source and of the same type, the stability is dependent only upon the consistency of the asphalt at the test temperature.

With materials such as these, all of which are equally susceptible to temperature and have approximately the same consistency at their softening points, the softening point is a measure of consistency.

When the logarithm of the stability is plotted against the softening point of the contained asphalt (fig. 4), all points fall approximately on two parallel straight lines, one for stability at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and the other for stability at $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

All of these asphalts had approximately the same consistency at their softening points. Because they were


Figure 1.-Relation Between Temperature and Penetration for the Mexican Asphalts Used.


Figure 2.-Relation Between Hubbard-Field Stability at $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and the Penetration at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., of the Contained Mexican Asphalt.
equally susceptible to changes in temperature they would have approximately the same penetration at temperatures that are above or below their respective softening points by equal amounts. When the penetration test temperature is subtracted from the softening point, asphalts having the same difference have the same consistency, and mixtures made from them have approximately the same stability, as shown in figure 5. This figure also shows that for these Mexican asphalts and these proportions, increasing the temperature of the stability test by $10^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. decreases the stability by about 20 percent.

In order to determine whether or not asphalts from other sources behaved in the same manner, a second series of specimens was made using two grades of petroleum asphalt from each of five different producers. The characteristics of these asphalts are given in table 2. The specimens were tested for stability at $104^{\circ}, 122^{\circ}$, and $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$., the results being given in table 3 .

In figure 6 the stabilities of these mixtures at all three temperatures are plotted against the penetrations of the asphalts at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Asphalts from each producer are plotted separately.


Figure 3.-Relation Between Stability and the Penetration of the Asphalt at Two Test Temperatures.

TABL1: 1.--Hubbard-Field stability of mixtures containing various grades of Mexican asphalt

| Identification | Softening point, ring and ball | Penetration at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | Estimated penetration at- |  | Hubbard-Field stability at- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. |
| M-20_.......... | 147 | 23 | 525 | 215 | Pounds | Pounds |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2, 800 | 4,500 4,550 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 3, 600 | 4,400 |
|  | 139 | 38 | 880 | 360 | 2, 500 | 3,550 3,650 |
| M-30 .-...-. - . |  |  |  |  | 2,450 2,450 | 3,650 3,400 |
| M-40.--------- - | 138 | 45 | 1,050 | 430 | 2, 200 | 3,450 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2, 200 | 3,350 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2, 200 | 3,300 |
| M-50. | 131 | 56 | 1,260 | 515 | 2,050 | 2,900 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1, 1,950 | 3,100 3,100 |
| M-60 | 128 | 64 | 1,470 | 600 | 1, 600 | 3,050 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,900 | 2,550 |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1,800\end{array}\right.$ | 2,550 |
| M-70.-.-.-.-.-. | 126 | 74 | 1,680 |  | \{ 1,850 |  |
|  |  |  |  | ---- | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1,850\end{array}\right.$ |  |
|  | 121 | 95 | 2,100 | 860 | 1,850 | 2,450 |
| M-85 |  |  |  |  | 1,800 | 2,650 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,850 | 2,600 |
|  | 121 | 100 | 2,300 |  | 1,600 |  |
| M-100.. |  |  |  |  | 1,580 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,650 |  |
|  | 114 | 144 | 3,150 | 1,290 | 1,500 | 1,800 |
| M-120............. |  |  |  |  | 1,550 | 1,700 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,530 | 1,900 |
| M-180. | 109 | 182 | 4, 200 | 1,720 | 1,250 | 1,800 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,300 | 1,850 1,850 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,250 | 1,850 |

SUSCEPTIBILITY TO TEMPERATURE AND BONDING STRENGTH OF ASPHALT DETERMINE STABILITY OF MIXTURE

Figure 7 shows the relation between the stability at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and the penetration of the asphalt at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for all mixtures including those made with the Mexican asphalts. In every case the softer grades of asphalt gave lower stability values than the harder grades of asphalt from the same producer, but the decrease in stability was not the same for all the samples. Stability values from figure 7 show that the stability of specimens made with 100 -penetration asphalts varied from 69 to 91 percent of the stability of specimens made with 50 -penetration asphalt from the same producer.


Figure 4.-Relation Between Stability at $122^{\circ}$ F., And $140^{\circ}$ F., and the Soetening Point of the Contained Mexican Asphalt.

Table 2.-Characteristics of the asphalts used in the second series of tests

| Identification | Penetration at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | Softening point | Slope of penetration curve | Penetration at softening point |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. |  |  |
| A-50 | 61 | 118 | 0.031 | 1,060 |
| A-85. | 96 | 111 | . 031 | 1,120 |
| B-50. | 58 | 137 | . 017 | 630 |
| B-85. | 90 | 121 | . 019 | 620 |
| C-50. | 57 | 130 | . 022 | 750 |
| C-85. | 97 | 115 | 023 | 720 |
| D-50 | 60 | 120 | . 029 | 1,080 |
| D-85 | 91 | 112 | . 028 | 840 |
| E-50 | 50 | 123 | . 024 | 630 |
| E-85. | 87 | 113 | . 026 | 760 |

They also show that the stability of specimens made with 50 -penetration asphalt D was only 56 percent of the stability of specimens made with 50 -penetration asphalt M. Thus there was a greater percentage difference in the stability of specimens made with 50 -penetration asphalt from different producers than in the stability of specimens made with 50- and 100-penetration asphalts from the same producers.

In figure 8 the logarithm of the stability of the second series of mixtures is plotted against the logarithm of the penetration of the 50 - and 85 -penetration asphalts at the temperature of the stability test. In this figure, as in figure 3 for the Mexican asphalts, the points for asphalts from the same producer fall approximately upon the same straight line.
Table 4 gives the stabilities of mixtures containing each asphalt at the temperature at which the asphalt had an estimated penetration of 1,000 . Values for this


Figure 5.-Relation Between the Hubbard-Field Stability and the Temperature Difference Between tife Softening Point of the Contained Bitumen and the Test Temperature.

Table 3.-Hubbard-Field stability of mixtures containing two grades of asphalt from various produccrs

| Identification | Penetration at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | Estimated penetration at- |  |  | Hubbard-Field stability at- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | $104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | $122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. | $104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. |
| A-50 | 61 | 5,000 | 1,400 | 390 | Pounds | Pounds | Pounds |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1,050 \\ 1,250\end{array}\right.$ | 1,950 1,770 | 3,150 3,200 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,250 | 2,020 | 3, 300 |
|  | 96 | 9,000 | 2, 450 | 660 | 1,100 | 1,750 | 2,700 |
| A-85........... |  |  |  |  | 1,050 | 1,580 | 2,650 |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1,100 \\ 1,700\end{array}\right.$ | 1,500 | 2,800 |
| B-50. | 58 | 720 | 350 | 170 | $\int 1,700$ | 2, 850 | 4,600 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,700 | 2, 850 | 5, 000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,700 | 2, 600 2, 500 | 4,300 3,300 |
| B-85_...-.-..... | 90 | 1,400 | 650 | 295 | 1,400 | 1,950 | 3, 100 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,300 | 2,050 | 3,500 |
| C-50..........- | 57 | 1,450 | 590 | 230 | 1,600 | 2, 500 | 4, 000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,600 | 2,520 | 3,750 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,550 | 2, 250 | 3, 900 |
| C-85 ...-.-...- | 97 | 2,650 | 1,050 | 400 | 1, 250 | 1, 860 | 3,050 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,250 | 1,900 | 3, 200 |
| D-50.---------- | 60 |  |  |  | 1,250 | 2, 020 | 3, 500 |
|  |  | 4,200 | 1,300 | 380 | 1,150 | 2,150 | 3,250 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1, 200 | 1,750 | 3, 050 |
| D-85..........- | 91 | 5, 000 | 1,600 | 500 | 1, 1,200 | 1,750 | 2,650 2,650 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,150 | 1,550 | 2,750 |
| E-50 |  |  |  |  | 1, 450 | 2,470 | 4,550 |
|  | 50 | 1,600 | 600 | 225 | 1, 900 | 2,000 | 4, 000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | I, 300 | 2,350 | 4, 500 |
| E-85 | 87 | 4,000 | 1,350 | 440 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}1,100 \\ 1,100\end{array}\right.$ | 1,840 2,100 | 3,200 3,150 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1, 100 | I, 800 | 3,150 |

Table 4.--Stabilities of asphaltic mixtures tested at temperatures at which the asphalt would have a penetration of 1,000

| Identification | Stability | Identification | Stability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| M | Pounds $2,300$ | C | Pounds 1. 900 |
| A. | 2,250 | D. | 2. 100 |
| B | 1. 500 | E | 2. 1000 |

table are taken from figures 3 and 8 . Since all the asphalts had the same consistency, the differences in stability values must have been caused by some in-


Iigure 6.--Relation Between Stability at Various Temperatures and the Penetration at $77^{\circ}$ F. of the Various Types of Contained Asphalt.


Figurf 7.-Relation Between Stability at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. and the Penetration at $77^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. of the Contained Asphalt.
herent quality of the asphalt which, in this report, is called bonding strength. Thus asphalt B may be assumed to have the least bonding strength, while asphalts M and A had the greatest bonding strength.
There are then two characteristics of an asphalt which determine the stability at any temperature of mixture containing it; its susceptibility to temperature,


Figure 8.-Relation Between Stability and the Penetration at Test Temperature of the Various Contalned Asphalts.
and its bonding strength. For example, table 4 shows asphalts A and M to have about the same bonding (Continued on page 82)

# THE DETERMINATION OF SODIUM AND POTASSIUM IN CEMENTS 

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IN ENDEAVORS to find reasons for the often erratic behavior of portland cements, interest has turned recently toward minor constituents that are commonly ignored in analysis. There is particular interest in knowing to what extent sodium and potassium compounds are present. These elements and their compounds, which for convenience may be referred to simply as alkalies, seem to be present in all cements to the extent of at least 0.3 or 0.4 percent, and cements made in some parts of the United States contain appreciably over 1 percent. What effect alkalies have on the behavior of cements is still uncertain, but there is reason for believing that they do exert an influence. It therefore seems likely that determination of alkalies will be a more frequent task in the future than it has been heretofore.

The method that has always been relied on for the determination of alkalies is that proposed many years ago by J. Lawrence Smith. This method was intended primarily for use in the analysis of igneous rocks, which are very difficult to bring into solution. While it is capable of yielding excellent results in the hands of a careful analyst, the method has several disadvantages that may easily lead to error. In the first place, it is necessary to use large amounts of reagents, particularly calcium carbonate which is often impure. This makes it necessary to run blanks and make corrections. Secondly, in the long heating or "fusion" there is some uncertainty that all the alkali has been rendered soluble, and if the temperature has been too high some of the alkali may have been volatilized. Thirdly, there are large amounts of insoluble matter to wash; and finally, the method is tedious and requires constant attention.

## NEW METHOD GIVES ACCURATE RESULTS

For these reasons a better method was sought. The following procedure was found to be quite satisfactory and largely free from the objections just noted. It has now been tried out by several analysts and found to give very accurate results.

While any reasonable quantity of cement may be used, it is convenient to take 15.625 grams. Put this in a beaker or evaporating dish and add enough water to make a thin grout, then add enough hydrochloric acid to decompose the cement completely. Evaporate to dryness on the hot plate but do not bake. Add about 300 milliliters of water and digest on the hot plate for half an hour, then heat to boiling. Most of the silica and $\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ group will now be precipitated and in suspension. Add 2 or 3 drops of phenolphthalein indicator and then, a little at a time, some pure quicklime until the solution is strongly alkaline as shown by the pink color. Quicklime is an excellent precipitant for magnesia as well as for silica and the $\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ group, and also the precipitate caused by lime is less voluminous than that caused by ammonia. The freshly ignited lime obtained in the ordinary analysis of cement does very well and about 1 gram is usually enough.

Boil gently for a few minutes, allow to cool somewhat, and transfer to a $500-\mathrm{millililiter}$ volumetric flask. Add water to bring the volume to 500 milliliters, mix well, and allow the precipitate to settle. Decant through a filter just 400 milliliters of the supernatant liquid. This 400 milliliters should contain only lime and the alkalies from 12.5 grams of cement. After obtaining the 400 milliliters of filtrate, the residue and precipitate in the flask are discarded without further treatment

To the filtrate add a solution of ammonium carbonate and ammonium hydroxide in sufficient amount to precipitate all the lime, avoiding unnecessary excess. Boil gently, allow to cool somewhat, transfer to a 500 milliliter volumetric flask, add water to bring the volume to 500 milliliter, mix well, and allow the lime to settle. Decant through a filter just 400 milliliter of the supernatant liquid, discard the residue, and precipitate in the flask. The filtrate thus obtained should contain only the alkalies from just 10 grams of cement together with ammonium salts and perhaps a very little lime. Add to this filtrate about 1 milliliter of concentrated sulphuric acid, evaporate in a platinum dish, and volatilize the ammonium salts. Dissolve the residue in 30 or 40 milliliters of water and add a little quicklime in order to throw down any magnesia that may possibly have escaped the first precipitation. Filter into a small beaker, add ammonia water and ammonium oxalate, warm to precipitate the last of the lime, and filter into a platinum dish. Add a drop or two of sulphuric acid, evaporate to dryness, and volatilize the ammonium salts. Heat to dull redness for a moment, cool, and weigh the sodium and potassium sulphates.

Recently the following modification has been tried and found to add to the convenience of the method in that it does away with the necessity of drying and volatilizing large amounts of ammonium salts.

Instead of precipitating the lime with ammonium carbonate, place the 400 milliliters of filtrate from the silica and $\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ group in a 500 -milliliter volumetric flask and add slightly more oxalic acid in hot coneentrated solution than can combine with the lime that is present. The amount of oxalic acid is determined by multiplying the number of grams of CaO by 2.25 and adding 1 gram more. Add enough water to make up 500 milliliters of solution, mix well, and allow the precipitate to settle. Although hydrochloric acid is present, nearly all of the lime will be precipitated. Decant through a filter 400 milliliters of the liquid. discard the residue, and precipitate in the flask. Evaporate the filtrate in platinum on the steam bath to practical dryness. Add at least 50 milliliters of water. digest well on the steam bath, make ammoniacal, and filter into a small beaker. Test the filtrate with ammonium oxalate to insure the absence of lime. Add at few drops of concentrated sulphuric acid, evaporate to dryness on the steam bath in platinum, and volatilize the ammonium salts, which in this case will be only a
small amount. The residue in the dish should be the pure alkali sulphates; this may be verified by testing for the presence of traces of magnesium and calcium compounds.

From this point, the sodium and potassium may be separated in the usual manner by platinic chloride if it is desired to do so. If it be assumed that sodium and potassium are present in equal quantities, the amount of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ plus $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ is found by multiplying the weight of the mixed sulphates by 0.4884 .

The amount of cement used for analysis is of course optional with the analyst. If 7.8125 grams are taken instead of double that amount as suggested herein the


Figure 5.-Gradings of Materials. Shaded Area Indicates Zone Within Which Are Included the Specification Requirements of the A. A. S. H. O. for Coarse(iraded Type Aggregate Base-Course Materials Having 1-Inch Maximum Size.
however, contained hydrated lime, which has the propcrty of increasing the liquid limits and reducing the plasticity indexes when added to many soils.

Previous investigations have shown that, with the ground-water elevation $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch above the top of the subbase, concentrated traffic provides a condition that is sufficiently severe to enable identification of the definitely unsatisfactory materials. Using this as a criterion, the mixtures tested would be rated as shown in table 6.

TABLe 6.-Rating of sections afler lesting under concentrated traffic, with water elevation $1 / 2$ inch above the top of the sub-base

| Section No. | Composition | Admixture of hydrated lime | Service rating |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| -. | Chert A-sand <br> Chert A-sand. <br> Chert A-slag. <br> Chert B. <br> Chert B <br> Chert C | Percent $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 5 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 5 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | Unsatisfactory. Good. Borderline. Complete failure. Unsatisfactory. Good. |

result will be the alkalies from 5 grams instead of 10 . In such case it is quite feasible to use 250 -milliliter volumetric flasks instead of the 500 size, and there is less liquid to evaporate.

The large precipitates that are discarded may seem at first thought to be a source of error, but it can be shown that their actual volume is such that the error caused thereby is negligible. It will be observed that a minimum of reagents is used in this method and those that are used are readily obtainable in very pure form. It will of course be understood that whenever water is referred to, distilled water of the highest purity is meant.

The addition of hydrated lime to the sand-chert A mixture and to chert B resulted in improved performance of the materials when used as base courses. The results obtained in the track with a combination of basic granulated slag and chert A were superior to those with a combination of sand and chert A.

Section 1 became unstable with the water $1 / 2$ inch above the top of the sub-base and had failed completely at 124,400 wheel-trips. Section 2, which differed from section 1 only by the addition of 5 percent of hydrated lime, gave excellent service as a base course throughout all phases of the testing. Section 3 withstood the 40,000 wheel-trips of concentrated traffic with water at the $1 / 2$-inch level without excessive movement in the base. However, with continued traffic and increased elevation of the ground water, the vertical displacements continued to increase at a fairly uniform rate (see fig. 1) until at the end of the test the section was in an unsatisfactory condition, as shown in figure 4.

The grading and plasticity index of the mixture used in section 1 are indicated to be responsible for the failure of this section when tested as a base course. Section 2 was composed of the same materials with an admixture of hydrated lime. Its grading was only slightly better than that of section 1 and could not be responsible for the marked difference in behavior, but it was nonplastic with a plasticity index of 0 . Similarly, the grading of the section 3 material was not widely different from that of section 1 but it had a plasticity index intermediate between those of sections 1 and 2. Its behavior under traffic was much superior to that of section 1, although not as good as that of section 2.

The tests (see table 5) made at the time of failure or the end of testing show that section 2 had 64.7 percent of solids by volume, or considerably less than either of the other two sections in which chert A was used. Therefore, the differences in behavior of the sections cannot be ascribed to differences in compaction, since previous investigations have led to the conclusion that, for a given material, increase in density would produce increase in stability.

Section 4, chert B, failed immediately when subjected to concentrated traffic with water in the sub-base. Section 5 (chert B with an admixture of hydrated lime) became slightly unstable under these testing conditions but did not fail completely until water was raised to the $41 / 2$-inch level and wheel loads were increased from 800 to 1,000 pounds. The gradings of the section 4 and section 5 materials were similar and the plasticity indexes were 2 and 0 , respectively. Again the track density in the lime-treated section was less than that of the untreated section.

Section 6 consisted of a mixture of chert gravels with a 5 percent hydrated lime admixture. The grading of this mixture conformed with the A. A. S. H. O. specifications for base-course materials, yet each of the cherts came from a location on a highway where base failure had occurred. However, with the lime admixture this composite material gave good service in the track, except that near the end of the test a small, soft spot developed (see fig. 4). This resulted in the abrupt change in slope of the displacement curves shown in figure 1. It should be emphasized that this softening was confined to one spot and did not represent the entire section. The condition developed only under the most extreme testing conditions and is thought to have been caused by some construction feature, since samples from the rutted and intact portions of the section had almost identical compositions and densities.

## conclusions

The following conclusions appear to be justified:

1. Although only three chert gravels were investigated, there are strong indications that the behavior as base courses of this class of local materials can be greatly improved by the addition of a basic material such as hydrated lime or granulated slag. Other possible admixtures include limestone or slag screenings, lime wastes, and similar materials of a basic character which may be economically available.
2. It is indicated that the beneficial action of the basic admixture will be greater if the material is in a finely divided state, except where it is intended to perform the dual purpose of improving the grading and altering the physical characteristics of the material.
3. The addition of 5 percent of hydrated lime to a composite chert (sec. 6), conforming to the grading requirements of the A.A.S.H.O. specifications for base-course materials produced a mixture which gave good service when tested in the circular track even
though all of the cherts which were combined had come from locations where base-course failures had been observed.
4. The addition of 5 percent of hydrated lime to the chert B which did not meet these grading requirements resulted in a marked improvement in the behavior of this material under test traffic. (Compare secs. 4 and 5.)
5. Lime also greatly improved the performance of the chert A to which sand had been added to reduce the plasticity index to approximately the upper limit of the A.A.S.H.O. specification. (Compare sections 1 and 2.)
6. Basic granulated slag added to chert A in an amount sufficient to lower the plasticity index to 5 resulted in a mixture that was more stable when tested in the circular track than the mixture of sand and chert A without hydrated lime. . (Compare sections 1 and 3.)
7. Density as such is not a true measure of the stability of granular mixtures. For any one given material an increase in density is accompanied by an increase in stability, but for materials having different compositions, the one having the greatest density may or may not be the most stable. Thus in the present investigation, in all cases where a direct comparison is possible, the mixtures containing lime had lower densities than the corresponding sections without lime; yet their behavior in the track showed the sections with lime to be the more stable.
8. No specifications for chemically treated chertgravel base-course materials can be prepared from the information so far developed. It is suggested, however, that this class of material be used only if the grading conforms to or closely approaches the A. A. S. H. O. specification for base-course materials, and if the admixture reduces the plasticity index of the fraction passing the No. 40 sieve to 3 or less. It is believed that if these conditions are met the liquid limit of acceptable mixtures containing basic ingredients may be as high as 35 .

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5. That decreasing the temperature of a mixture increases its strength and stiffness. It is probable, however, that there is some limiting temperature below which the strength and stiffness of a mixture would not be increased.
6. That increasing the amount of asphalt in a mixture up to the amount required to fill the voids increases its strength but has little effect upon the stiffness of the mixture. Increasing the amount of dust in a mixture up to the amount required to fill the voids increases both the strength and stiffness of the mixture.

As a result of these tests the following suggestions are made regarding a suitable test procedure:

1. A test temperature of $39^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. appears to have definite advantages. This temperature may be obtained and held constant with a bath containing very little ice. Temperatures below this are hard to maintain and require a large amount of ice which interferes with the correct placing of the specimen. At higher temperatures the strength and stiffness decrease and it would be difficult to distinguish between mixtures.
2. Preferably, the span length should be 10 inches for all depths of beam up to a maximum of 2 inches, since table 2 shows that with this span length there is the
least variation in modulus of elasticity with changes in depth of beam. When it is necessary to vary both the span length and depth of beam, the following dimensions are suggested as likely to result in the least variation in the modulus of elasticity:
Depth:
Minimum span (inches)
Less than 1.3 inches
1.3 to 1.7 inches 8
10
3. The rate at which unit fiber stress is developed should be constant and this may be accomplished by applying the load at the rate determined by the formula

$$
R=\frac{C b d^{2}}{l}
$$

in which
$R=$ rate of loading in pounds per minute; $C=$ constant; and
$l, b$, and $d$ are the same as in the previous formulas in this report. Two hundred and twenty is suggested as a suitable value for $C$. The rate of loading determined with $C=220$ will allow a wide range in the size of the specimen that can be tested on the machine that has been described and the load will be applied at a slow enough rate so that deflection measurements every 10 seconds will give a good load-deformation curve.

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strength, but asphalt A was much more susceptible to temperature and specimens made with both grades of asphalt A had lower stability at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. than specimens made with the corresponding grades of asphalt $M$.

Asphalts M and C had about the same susceptibility to temperature. Table 4 shows asphalt C to have had less bonding strength than asphalt M , and specimens made with both grades of asphalt C had less stability at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. than specimens made with the corresponding grades of asphalt $\mathbf{M}$ (tables 1 and 3 ).

A stability test using a standard aggregate made at a temperature at which the contained asphalt had a definite penetration might prove to be of value in testing the bonding strength of asphalts for use in road construction.

Because the stability of mixtures containing asphalts of the same type, that is, having the same susceptibility to temperature and the same bonding strength, depends only upon the consistency of the asphalt at the temperature of the stability test, it is not necessary to make tests with all grades of asphalt in order to determine the effect of using different grades of asphalt upon stability. By determining the stability at several temperatures of a mixture containing one grade of asphalt whose penetration has been determined at sevcral temperatures, temperature-penetration and pene-tration-stability curves can be drawn. For similar types of asphalt the penetration at any temperature of any grade of asphalt can be approximated from the
temperature-penetration curve for one grade of asphalt. The stability of the mixture can then be estimated from the penetration-stability curve.

Summary
In these tests on mixtures of constant composition except for the type and consistency of the asphalt it was found that:

1. There were greater differences in the stability of mixtures made with the same grade of asphalts from different producers than there were in the stability of mixtures made with the 50 - and 100 -penetration grades of asphalt from the same producer. There was as much as 45 percent variation in the stability at $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. of the mixtures containing the various 50 -penetration asphalts. For materials from the same producer, doubling the penetration of the asphalt reduced the stability of the mixture by from 10 to 30 percent.
2. There is some characteristic of an asphalt which caused mixtures made with various types of asphalt to vary in stability even when the asphalts were of the same consistency when the mixtures were tested for stability. This quality, for lack of a better term, is here called bonding strength.
3. For asphalts of the same type, that is, having approximately the same susceptibility to temperature and the same consistency at their softening point, the stability of the mixtures depended upon the consistency of the asphalt at the temperature of the stability test.

## MOTOR-FUEL CONSUMPTION-1939

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| KANAS KENTUCKY loulsiana | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 5 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 550,333 \\ & 467.296 \\ & 275107 \\ & 261,304 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 132,719 \\ 6.228 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 550,333 \\ & 354,577 \\ & 275,107 \\ & 255,076 \end{aligned}$ | 81.231 | $\begin{aligned} & 469,102 \\ & 334,577 \\ & 275,107 \\ & 255,07 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} 469.102 \\ 334,577 \\ 2751.107 \\ 247.419 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\bar{\square}$ | $8 / 7.652$ | $\begin{aligned} & 445,906 \\ & 337.527 \\ & 256,516 \\ & 234,941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 23,196 \\ & -2,950 \\ & 18,59 \\ & 12,478 \end{aligned}$ | 5.2 -0.9 7.2 5.3 5.3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { TOWA } \\ & \text { KASSAS } \\ & \text { KENTUSKY } \\ & \text { LOUISIANA } \end{aligned}$ |
| MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 4 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 150.136 \\ 296.666 \\ 72.112 \\ 1,146.327 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 831 \\ 4,106 \\ 2,89 \\ 99,259 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 149,305 \\ 287.560 \\ 71,283 \\ 1.046,968 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -\quad-633 \\ & 19,033 \\ & 34,550 \\ & 52,381 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 149,305 \\ & 267,927 \\ & 683,733 \\ & 994,587 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 147,850 \\ & 2655.548 \\ & 683,733 \\ & 994,058 \end{aligned}$ | $\frac{3}{1.5}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 / 7.455 \\ 10 / 2,379 \end{gathered}$ $11 / 529$ | $\begin{aligned} & 137.406 \\ & 246,433 \\ & 662.254 \\ & 928894 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,444 \\ & 19,115 \\ & 21,479 \\ & 65,138 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.2 \\ & 7.8 \\ & 3.2 \\ & 3.2 \end{aligned}$ | maine marylano MSSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN |
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| SOUTH CAROL INA SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 210,980 \\ & 136,628 \\ & 288,738 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.934 \\ 17,025 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 128,680 \\ & 210,980 \\ & 131,694 \\ & 271,713 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,905 \\ 4,027 \\ 29.722 \\ 1,491 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2066,695 \\ & 106,959 \\ & 1010972,972 \\ & 270,222 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 126,695 \\ & 206,953 \\ & 101,972 \\ & 270,222 \end{aligned}$ | - | - | $\begin{aligned} & 116,874 \\ & 188.783 \\ & 99.688 \\ & 264,163 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9,821 \\ 18,70 \\ 2,304 \\ 6,059 \end{array}$ | 8.4 9.6 2.3 2.3 | RHODE I SANO <br> SOUTH CAROL INA <br> SOUTH DAKOTA <br> TENNESSEE |
| TEXAS UTAH VIRGINI | 4 4 4 5 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,337,584 \\ 99,746 \\ 98,700 \\ 382,717 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 16,626 \\ 5.397 \\ 872 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,320,988 \\ 94,349 \\ 67.117 \\ 382.177 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 180.516 \\ - \\ 25.532 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,140,412 \\ 944.39 \\ 67137 \\ 388.641 \end{array}$ | $1.140,442$ 94,349 67,137 35.544 38.41 | - 3 | $20 / 100$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.075,851 \\ 87.850 \\ 63.300 \\ 334,327 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 64.591 \\ 6.499 \\ 3.837 \\ 24,214 \end{array}$ | 6.0 7.4 7.1 7.2 | TEXAS VERMONT VIAGINIA |
| WASHINGTON <br> WEST VIRGINIA <br> WI SCONSIN <br> WOMING <br> DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 5 5 4 4 2 | 354,142 215.100 566.693 68.094 150,365 | $\begin{array}{r} 8.090 \\ -90 \\ 17.109 \\ 2,344 \\ 6.523 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 346,052 \\ & 215,100 \\ & 549.592 \\ & 65,673 \\ & 143.842 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,11 \\ 3,066 \\ 41.816 \\ -.066 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 320.941 \\ & 212.074 \\ & 50777676 \\ & 65.673 \\ & 142.776 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 320.941 \\ & 212,074 \\ & 5077,776 \\ & 65,673 \\ & 142,776 \end{aligned}$ | - | - - - | $\begin{array}{r} 309,697 \\ 188,915 \\ 484,812 \\ 63,376 \\ 133,325 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,244 \\ & 23.149 \\ & 22.964 \\ & 2.264 \\ & 9.2451 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.6 \\ 12.3 \\ 4.7 \\ 3.6 \\ 7.1 \end{array}$ | WASHINGTON <br> WEST VIRGINIA <br> WI SCONSIN <br> WYOMING <br> OISTRICT OF COLUMBIA |
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LATER」 AN ANALYSIS OF MOTCR-FUEL USAGE WILL BE GIVEN IN TABLE G-21, TO BE PURLISHEO BEEN $\frac{2}{\text { EL LIMIINARED SALEES AND OTHER ANOUNTS NOT REPRESENT ING CONSMPTION IN STATE HAVE }}$ BEEN EL IMINATE AA FAR AS POSSIBLE. IN CASES WHERE STATES FAILED TO REPORT AMOUNTS EXEMPTED FROM TAXATION, THE GROSS MMOUNT TAXED IS SHOMN IN THIS COLIMN.
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I/ AVIATION FUEL TAXEO AT 2.5 CENTS, 180,000 GALLONS: MOTOR FUEL TAXED AT 0.1
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STATE MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS-1939



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[^3]:    1 No water in sub-base.
    2 Wheel loads increased from 800 pounds to 1,000 pounds at 164,400 wheel-trips.
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